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SUBJ: INQUIRY RE YACHT APOLLO

1. PRESIDENT OF BAR ASSOCIATION, DR. ALMEIDA RIBEIRO, HAS ASKED EMBASSY FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON YACHT "APOLLO". HE SAYS THAT FOR LAST YEAR OR SO, APOLLO HAS BEEN MAKING REGULAR RUNS BETWEEN LISBON, SETUBAL, MEDITERRANEAN SPANISH AND MOROCCAN PORTS, AND BACK TO LISBON. ALTHOUGH HE HAS BEEN CONSULTED FROM TIME TO TIME BY APPARENT HEAD OF APOLLO OPERATION, ONE MR. TITUS, WHO ALMEIDA RIBEIRO BELIEVES TO BE AMERICAN, AND ALTHOUGH HE HAS HAD LUNCH ABOARD YACHT, HE HAD NO IDEA WHAT THE 200 OR 300 CREW MEMBERS ACTUALLY DO.

2. ALMEIDA RIBEIRO SAYS YACHT IS ONE ON WHICH ROOSEVELT-CHURCHILL MEETING TOOK PLACE DURING WWII. HE SAYS VESSEL IS OF 3000 TONS AND FILLED WITH OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND TELEX MACHINES. HE SAYS CREW DOES OFFICE WORK IN THREE 8-HOUR SHIFTS AROUND THE CLOCK.

3. TITUS AND ASSOCIATES FOUNDED AN ORGANIZATION WITH A NAME LIKE "SCIENTIFIC MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION" IN
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PORTUGAL SOME MONTHS AGO, WITH ALMEIDA RIBEIRO AS

ATTORNEY. ALMEIDA RIBEIRO HAS NO IDEA WHAT, IF ANYTHING,
THIS ORGANIZATION HAS DONOU HE LEARNED APRIL 4, HOWEVER,
THAT PORTUGUESE POLICE HAVE LIFTED TITUS' RESIDENCE
PA MIT AND TOLD HIM TO LEAVE. SAME DAY PAID ADVERTISEMENT
FOR SHOW BY JAZZ GROUP FROM APOLLO AT ESTORIL CASINO
APPEARED IN ALL PAPERS. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY BACKGROUND
INFORMATION DEPARTMENT AND INFO ADDRESSEES CAN PROVIDE
FOR INFORMAL TRANSMITTAL TO ALMEIDA RIBEIRO, WHO HAS
BEEN VERY HELPFUL TO EMBASSY OVER PAST FEW YEARS.
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